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Navy employee says he spied for Israel and Pakistan

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WASHINGTON — A civilian employee of Navy intelligence and counterterrorist commands has admitted receiving nearly \$50,000 for supplying U.S. military secrets to Israel and Pakistan, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The Israelis have insisted that they know nothing about the civilian, Jonathan J. Pollard, 31, who was arrested outside their embassy Thursday and charged with espionage. They also have maintained that it was against their policy to spy on an ally like the United States, which

supplies most of Israel's foreign economic and military aid.

But several (U.S. officials said Israeli Embassy officers were summoned to the State Department on Thursday and presented with a blunt message that had been agreed upon by State and Justice Department officials.

"We told them we expected their full cooperation across the board in this and the return of any secret documents they may have obtained," said one official.

Pakistani Embassy spokesman Mohammad Iqbal Butt said, "Allegations so far as Pakistan is concerned are baseless."

Three federal sources, all requesting anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said Pollard's confession, which was described briefly in federal court papers, included the assertion that he had been paid nearly \$50,000 for secrets.

One source said there was more evidence to support Pollard's admission of working for the Israelis than his contention that he also gave secrets to the Pakistanis.

Another source quoted Pollard as saying he had received at least \$2,000 a month "for a year and a half or two years."

The FBI has seized a suitcase full of classified documents, including

some marked "top secret," covering a broad range of subjects. The bureau said Pollard took these home from work illegally and admitted giving other classified information to an agent of a foreign power on Nov. 15.

Since going to work for the Navy in September 1979, Pollard has held sensitive intelligence and counterterrorist jobs that would have given him access to a variety of secrets. The federal officials said the Naval Investigative Service for which he worked first became suspicious when he asked for secret material outside his area of specialty.

In federal court late Thursday, FBI agents said Pollard confessed during

questioning last week before his arrest to delivering military secrets to an agent of a foreign power Nov. 15. In an unusual move in a spy case, the court papers did not identify the foreign power.

Several Justice Department officials, who objected to the failure to mention Israel, said yesterday that it was omitted at the insistence of the State Department. But department spokesman Charles Redman noted that Pollard was arrested outside the Israeli Embassy and said, "We are shocked and saddened at the notion

that something like this might occur. We have been in touch with the Israelis to try to get to the bottom of this."

In Tel Aviv, officials said Israel had no knowledge of Pollard.

"We don't have the slightest idea about this matter," the chief Foreign Ministry spokesman, Avi Pazner, said. "We are checking that story and after we find out what the facts are, then and only then will there be an official reaction."

Pollard was held without bail pending a hearing Wednesday.